SB1093: RELATING TO SCHOOL READINESS
LAYING THE FOUNDATION

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Hawaii is one of 10 states that does not publicly fund preschool.

In the 2012-13SY, only 57% of those entering Kindergarten had attended PreK prior to entry. This represents a 1% decrease from 2011-12SY.

In 2012-13SY, 91.9% of Kindergarten classes in HIDOE schools reported that students were not ready for school.

With families averaging $750/month to enroll their child in a PreK program, over 70% of children ages 0-5 are cared for by families, friends and neighbors.

Only 23% of children are enrolled in preschools and childcare centers (HAEYC).

For every $1 invested in early learning we see 4.2 times the return on investment.
HISTORICAL FACTS

- **ACT 13 (2002)** – Defined School Readiness to mean that young children are ready to have successful learning experiences in school when there is a positive interaction among the child’s developmental characteristics, school practices, and family and community support.

- **ACT 219 (2004)** – Created Junior Kindergarten program.

- **ACT 151 (2005)** – Created the Early Learning Childhood Education Task Force.

- **ACT 14 (2008 SS)** – Established the early learning system, Early Learning Council, and called for the creation of Keiki First Steps program.

- **ACT 178 (2012)** – Established the Executive Office on Early Learning and sunsets Junior Kindergarten.

- **ACT 169 (2013)** – Established Preschool Open Doors as the statewide school readiness program administered by Department of Human Services (DHS).

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SCHOOL READINESS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that more of our children
SB1093: WHAT IT DOES

- Codifies and Expands Preschool Open Doors (POD)
- Establishes POD as Hawaii’s school readiness program
- Increases rigor by requiring providers to do school readiness assessments
- Gives priority to late born 4 year olds who would not be eligible for Kindergarten
- Provides $6M in funding for subsidies
WHAT WE’VE BEEN DOING

- Kindergarten Age Change Informational Campaign
- Holding meetings statewide with:
  - Headstart Association
  - Kia‘i ka ‘ike
  - Kaulanakilohana (Post-secondary)
  - HAEYC Annual Conference
  - Ka HULI consortium
  - Center Directors/Providers
  - DOE Principals
- DHS Admin Rule Revisions
- EOEL Website (www.earlylearning.hawaii.gov)
- Curriculum Fairs (January)
WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

- 2014 Legislative Session
  - Supplemental Budget Request
  - Revision of enabling legislation for Constitutional Amendment

- First round of subsidies under new priorities – Early 2014
MULTIPLE METHODS

- Preschool Open Doors: Private Provider Subsidies
- Public school preschools
- Family-Child Interaction Learning Programs (FCIL)
  - INPEACE The Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture: www.inpeace.org
  - Partner’s in Development Foundation: www.pidf.org

Family-Child Interaction Learning Programs Examples of Hawaii programs include:
- INPEACE (Keiki Steps Program)
- ALU LIKE (Pulama I Na Keiki)
- Kamehameha Schools (Hi’ilani Program)
- Partners in Development Foundation (Tutu and Me, Na Pono No Na ‘Ohana)
- Keiki O Ka Aina (Parent Participation Preschool)
- The Institute for Family Enrichment (TIFIY)
- YMCA
BLUEPRINT OF THE EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

Timeline for Implementation

Phase I: 2013-2015

Year 1 -
Preparation for implementation:

Starting with Year 1:
Expand and improve programs and workforce.

Phase II: 2014-2016

Years 2-3:
Serve the cohort of children (late-born 4-year-olds) who would have been served by DOE kindergarten. Anticipate serving:
- 3,500 children in year 2.
- 4,600 children in year 3.

Phase III: 2016-2023

Years 4-10:
Serve more 4-year-olds each year.

Goal:
By the 2022-2023 school year, 4-year-olds will have access to high-quality early learning programs.
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